

*This is the First M<sup>o</sup> Court is their Organist made.*  
 A PSALM of Thanksgiving, to be Sung by the Children of Christs-Hospital, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Easter Holy-days, (according to ancient custom) at St. Mary Spittle, for their Founders and Benefactors, 1676.

*This Chorus is to be Sung by all the Children, and repeated after every Verse.*

**W**ith Heav'ns design the Earth doth joyn Jehovah to admire; The lib'ral Air our Notes shall bear to make a triple Quire.

**VERSE I.**  
*Monday.* **H**e vast and Noble Orbs above, Gods Majesty portray; Each splendid Star moves Regular, his Wisdom to display:

The Golden Sun by Day doth Run, his Glory to proclame; The Moon by Night, with silver Light, posts to declare the same.

The whistling Winds, Hail, Ice, and Snow, his wonders Evidence; Earth's various Off-spring is a proof of his Omnipotence. *Chorus.* With, &c.

**VERSE II.**  
 The Verdant Grasse, the Lilly white, the Violet and Rose,  
 In Scarlet clad, spring lively up, his Merits to disclose:  
 The Minerals his Product are, his Pow'r commands the Seas;

*Tuesday.* **W**e are oblig'd to blefs that God, that such Rich Blessings sends,  
 And raises you, Brave CITIZENS, to be our constant Friends:  
 We through our Bountious Patrons means, once destitute, are Blest'd.

*Wednesday.* **W**e may not cancel Royal Acts, Monarchs must have their due;  
 That Kings incline to Charity, our Hospitals can shew.  
 Edward contriv'd our Blifs at home, Great Charles's knowledge finds,  
 To waite o're Seas, view Foreign Parts becomes ingenious Minds.  
 That we may not eclips the Praise to either due, we'll pay  
 Our equal Thanks to God for both, for Charles we'll always pray.

Inanimates, 'bove and below, obey his Just Decrees.  
 Brutes, Men, and Saints, his Providence continually sustains;  
 By virtue of his Goodness he the Indigent maintains.

**VERSE IV.**  
 Nor have you cast your Seed upon such barren Ground, as may  
 Choke your Designs, or cause the Grain for ever to decay:  
 It shall revive to Praise your Deeds: the Fatherless will strive

**VERSE VI.**  
 Great God, protect our Sovereign Lord, the Royal Family,  
 Nobles and Gentry, may they all enjoy Prosperity:  
 Secure the Pillars of our Church, our City Crown with Peace;  
 Let Plenty wait upon the Poor, that they may live at ease.  
 May all our Worthy Governours find Favour from above,  
 Since they have made us, Helplefs Poor, the objects of their Love.

A true REPORT of the great number of poor Children, and other poor People, Maintained in the several HOSPITALS, under the pious Care of the LORD MAYOR, Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of LONDON, the Year last past.

*Christs Hospital.* **C**hildren put forth Apprentices, and discharged out of Christs-Hospital, the year last past 57. 15 whereof being Instructed in the Arts of Arithmetick and Navigation, were placed forth Apprentices to Commanders of Ships out of the Mathematical School, in the said Hospital, Founded for the benefit of this Kingdom, by the Kings Most Excellent Majesty. Children buried the year last past 13 Children now remaining under the Care and Charge of the said Hospital, which are kept in the House, and divers places in London, and Suburbs thereof, and at Nurse in the Country, Five Hundred and Thirty of, and the Names of all which are Registered in the Books kept in the said Hospital, and are there to be seen from what Parishes they have been from time to time admitted. They being so many in number, and the Charges of keeping them so great, (and having sustained great Losses by the late lamentable and dreadful Fire,) it is hoped several good Christians will freely contribute towards the maintenance of the said Children: The certain Revenue of the said Hospital being little more than the Moiety of the necessary Charges thereof.

*S. Bartholomew's Hospital.* **T**here hath been Cured this year last past at the Charge of the Hospital of St. Bartholomew, of Wounded, Sick and Maimed Sea-men and Souldiers, and other diseased Persons, from several parts of the Dominion of the Kings most Excellent Majesty, and from Foreign Parts, many whereof have been relieved with Monies and other Necessaries at their departure, though (as it hath pleased God) the greatest part of the Revenues of the said Hospital was consumed by the late dreadful Fire Buried this year 131 Persons remaining under Cure in the said Hospital 225

*S. Thomas Hospital.* **T**here have been Cured and Discharged this year last past, at the Charge of the Hospital of St. Thomas in Southwark, of Wounded, Sick, and Maimed Sea-men and Souldiers, and other diseased Persons, from the places adjacent, and from several parts of His Majesties Dominions, and from other Foreign Parts, many whereof have been relieved with Monies and other Necessaries at their departure, though (as it hath pleased God) great part of the Revenues of the said Hospital was consumed by the late dreadful Fire Buried this year last past, after much Charge in the time of their Sicknes 122 Remaining under Cure at the Charge of the said Hospital 246

*Bridewell Hospital.* **R**eceived this last year into the Hospital of Bridewell, Vagrants and other indigent and miserable People, many whereof had there both Clothing, and other Relief which was necessary, through their great Distress, and sent by Passes into their native Countries Maintained in the said Hospital, and brought up in divers Arts and Trades, at the proper Charge thereof, Apprentices, and others, notwithstanding it pleased God the Hospital, and all the Houses within the Precinct thereof, (which was the greater part of its Revenues) were wholly Consumed by the late terrible Fire, besides the great Loss sustained in the remains of its Revenue by the Fire, which since happened in Wapping 143

*Bethlem Hospital.* **T**he Hospital of Bethlem is very ancient, and of great necessity for the keeping and Curing Distracted Persons, whose misery of all others is the more deplorable, because they do not apprehend it, it disabling the Mind as well as the Body. Brought into the same Hospital the last year distracted Men and Women 25 Cured of their Lunacy, and Discharged thence the said year 22 Now remaining there under Cure and provided with Physick, Dyer, and other Relief, at the Charge of the said Hospital 71

The Charge whereof is very great, and the Revenue of the said Hospital so small, as not to amount to one third part of the yearly expences thereof; And the Buildings of the said Hospital, Old, Ruinous, and not capacious to receive and contain the great Numbers of Distracted Men, for the admission of whom, daily applications are made to the Governours thereof.

Upon a Charitable Consideration of the Premises, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of this City of London, have granted sufficient ground whereon to Erect a more large and commodious House, for the keeping and Curing the said Lunatick and Distracted Persons.

Towards the Building whereof, the Governours of the said Hospital have paid and disbursed above Ten thousand Pounds; And that to finish the same, by the judgement and estimation of several able Work-men, will cost above Five thousand Pounds more; Which good and pious Work cannot be finished, without the Liberal Contributions of well disposed Christians, whose hearts God shall dispose and incline to so necessary and Charitable a Work: And it is desired, that they would upon this occasion be more than ordinary Bountifull in their Charitable Benevolence towards the said so Pious and Charitable Work.